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Ok, per our discussion, this is the update I sent at 2 am Sun and I have just sent you the POLREP that went out last night. CSB arrived at the site today.

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DuPont Laporte Facility: A chemical release of Methyl Mercaptan resulted in four fatalities, one injury, and a shelter in place for the facility. EPA has been informed a 7 member US Chemical Safety Board Team has been dispatched to the site.

The DuPont LaPorte facility is located on 800 acres north of Highway 225, east of Houston, Texas. The property also includes four other tenant companies. Principal products manufactured at the DuPont LaPorte location include: PTMEG intermediates; Elvanol® polyvinyl alcohol resins; crop protection; and fluorochemicals.

At approximately 0330 hours on 15 November 2014, a valve failed in the Lannette Unit resulting in the release of Methyl Mercaptan, a chemical used in two insecticides that are manufactured at the facility. Officials at the facility confirmed the release and notified emergency responders, including CIMA (Channel Industries Mutual Aid). The National Response Center (NRC# 1101100) was notified at approximately 0615 hours.

Upon arrival at the incident at 0917 hours, the EPA team begin documenting site activities. An air monitoring team consisting of personnel from Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) was located west of the facility along Sens Road. According to HCPCS, readings were non-detect beyond the perimeter of the facility. Plant personnel along with members from the responding agencies conducted air monitoring inside the facility. A command post was set up and a unified command was established

An all-clear was given at 1006 hours and the shelter in place was lifted for plant personnel with the exception of the hot zone located at the Lannette Unit. A shelter in place was reactivated as a safety precaution within the facility at approximately 1415 hours. At 1500 hours, plant personnel began venting the six valves (to scrubbers/then incinerator) located in the Lannette Unit in an effort to relieve the pressure within the lines. The shelter in place was lifted at approximately 1645 hours.

A recovery team consisting of emergency responders (one Dupont, four Harris County HAZMAT, two CIMA) made entry into the unit at 1739 hours. Entry personnel removed the four decedents from the hot zone by 1830 hours. After conducting decontamination, the decedent's remains were released to the Harris County Forensics Investigation team.

EPA will attend the next operational briefing on Sunday at 1000 CST.

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